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Subject: RE: Video Request--Nov. 9th Event- info on CRI and intern program

Thanks, Nahal and Paul. Here is additional information on CWA 320 funds (these are the EPA funds for the NEPs) that are going to support The Coastal Research Institute (CRI).

I think you both had questions about how does EPA support CRI. The short answer is through EPA grant funds supporting the first CRI Summer intern program. TBF kicked the CRI intern program off in summer 2017 and plans to continue it (per their EPA NEP workplan and 2018). Please note that TBF has had several LMU interns since at least 2009, but TBF formalized the CRI intern program in 2017 (too many acronyms!).

-2017 budget: \$36,000

-2018 budget: \$40,000

Background

To date over 10,000 hours have been spent by LMU students as either volunteers or interns to further the Comprehensive Monitoring and Management Plan for the Santa Monica Bay National Estuary Program, identified as The Bay Restoration Plan.

In 2017 TBF developed in collaboration with the Fred Seaver College of Science and Engineering the first CRI Summer Intern Program. The CRI Summer Intern Program is a paid intern program where LMU students are supported by the SMBNEP for a six week internship directed at research, restoration, monitoring and communications related to The Bay Restoration Plan and on projects identified in the 2017 Annual Work Plan of the SMBNEP. EPA 320 funds are used to financially support these students.

Six interns were selected this year to support research, restoration and monitoring involving the following five projects: 1) Wetlands Restoration and Research, Restoration, 2) Research and Outreach of the LAX Dunes, 3) Microplastics, 4) Healthy Beaches Research and Monitoring Project, and 5) Tidepool Research. These projects are supported by grants and other funds developed by The Bay Foundation and partners in addition to 320 funds being assigned to accomplish the goals of the SMBNEP.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Best,

Erica

Disclaimer: This message was written with voice activated software. It may contain errors. Some of them might be interesting. Observe the context and the meaning will, hopefully, be obvious.

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Hi Paul/Erica,

FYI, I've sent the video request along to Kelly for Alexis/HQ approval.

Will let you know as soon as I hear back.

Thanks so much,

Nahal

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Subject: Video Request--Nov. 9th Event

Hi Kelly,

Below is the video request information that Loyola Marymount sent over.

LMU is putting together a video to be shown at the launch event on November 9th that addresses what is the Coastal Research Institute, the nuts and bolts of what it will do, and what it means to different audiences (video to include participation from the LMU community, The Bay Foundation, hopefully EPA/community at large). These are the questions we'd love to have her answer:

- How does EPA benefit from a research institute like CRI working on one of its national estuary programs?
- What is appealing for you/EPA about this arrangement?
- If you were a student, what kind of experience do you think you would gain from working on projects with the CRI?

She's hoping we can get this to her by next wed the 25th, but is looking to see if that date is firm.

Let me know if this is something we can do and/or something Alexis wants to do.

Thanks,

Nahal

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